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Sen. Gilbert's bill one of many JOBS Action Plan bills sent to governor

LANSING – The Michigan Senate today sent key parts of the legislative Republicans' JOBS Action Plan to the governor for her signature. The approved bills would cut state red tape, provide tax credits and pause taxes on business start ups, said Sen. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac.

"It's great to see these bills on their way to the governor's desk," Gilbert said. "Small businesses and new businesses will benefit significantly from these tax credits. In addition, allowing them to receive their licenses and permits faster will help improve their profits, which in turn will help the economy."

Senators gave final approval to Senate Bill 1274, which provides a Single Business Tax credit, House Bill 5876, which would ease the environmental permitting process, and Senate Bills 1302 to 1305, which pause taxes for new businesses.

Gilbert sponsored SB 1303, which would allow for new businesses to apply to be exempt for five years from paying city utility user taxes.

The Legislature, in past action on the Republicans' JOBS Action Plan, has sent the governor bills aimed at exempting small start-up businesses from certain taxes during their first five years of operation, eliminating taxation of federal and state research funds and expanding the use of private labs for state business. A majority of the JOBS legislation has now been enacted since its introduction in the fall.

The JOBS Action Plan is designed to create new job opportunities, save existing jobs and promote a friendlier and healthier business climate in Michigan.

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